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RESOLUTION NO. 93-07

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A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE  
QUARTERLY CUSTOMER SERVICE  
CHARGE IMPOSED BY THE CITY OF  
CLEVELAND ON WATER BILLS, AND  
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the residents of the City of Parma are serviced by the City of Cleveland Water Department; and,

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2007, the City of Cleveland has instituted a new rate structure (actual consumption charge plus quarterly customer service charge) that it believes will more accurately reflect the actual cost of services and help recover the drop in consumption and subsequent revenue shortfall over the past decade; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the new rate structure, the City of Cleveland is charging a \$7.00 quarterly customer service charge through 2010 to all consumers of Cleveland water in order to cover the costs for meter reading, bill generation, collections processing, and core customer service functions; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Parma has many residents on fixed incomes who will be adversely affected by the increase in rates;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARMA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Council hereby opposes the increase in water rates by the City of Cleveland and urges the City of Cleveland to eliminate the \$7.00 quarterly customer service charge for Parma residents.

Section 2. That the Clerk of Council be, and he hereby is, directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Mayor of the City of Cleveland, all members of the Cleveland City Council, the Cleveland Water Commissioner and the Council of each of the 69 other communities that are consumers of Cleveland water.

Section 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

Res. opposing the quarterly customer service charge imposed by the City of Cleveland on water bills, and declaring an emergency

Section 4. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the City of Parma, and for the further reason that this measure is necessary due to the fact that water bills are already being received by the residents with the quarterly charge being applied, and this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon receiving the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected to Council and approval of the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: \_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

FILED WITH  
THE MAYOR: \_\_\_\_\_ MAYOR, CITY OF PARMA, OHIO